

REMARKS

Claims 37-40 are pending. In the Office Action mailed on December 19, 2006, claims 37-40 are indicated as allowed. By this Amendment, claims 1-6, 16-19, and 31-36 are cancelled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter contained therein. No new matter is added.

It is respectfully submitted that entry of the amendment is proper as the amendment would place the application in condition for allowance. Further, the amendments do not raise new issues requiring more than nominal consideration by the Examiner.

For the following reasons, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103:

On page 2 of the Office Action mailed on December 19, 2006, claims 1-6, 16-19, and 31-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyazawa et al. (EP 0465961), in view of Egawa (JP 7-273340), and further in view of Chau et al. (U.S. Patent 6,653,700). The rejection of cancelled claims 1-6, 16-19, and 31-36 is moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:

Claims 37-40 are allowed.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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